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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND LTC PROMOTIONS.

1. BELIEVE IT USEFUL NOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE PROBLEMS
RAISED BY SPREAD OF ULSTER-RELATED FRINGE GROUP
TERRORISM TO MAJOR ENGLISH CITIES, AND PARTICULARLY
EFFECTS THAT MAY BE EXPECTED FROM RECENT LONDON BOMBINGS.
PLACING OF BOMBS IN MAIL-COLLECTION BOXES ALREADY HAS
EFFECTED OVERBURDENED LONDON POSTAL SERVICES, AND
INCIDENTS HAVE CAUSED MAJOR TRAFFIC JAMS IN SOME
CASES.

2. POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT USG FACILITIES
HERE HAS EXISTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND WITH IT HAS
DEVELOPED EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH POLICE.
IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH LOCAL POLICE
AUTHORITY, WE ARE INSTITUTING LOW-PROFILE PARCEL INSPEC-
TION SYSTEM FOR LTC TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. AS VIRTUALLY
ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN UK HAVE HAD PARCEL CHECKS FOR
SOME TIME, INSTITUTION OF LTC INSPECTION SYSTEM IS
EXPECTED AROUSE LITTLE OR NO COMMENT.

3. WHAT EFFECT, IF ANY, TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE
ON LTC ATTENDANCE WILL DEPEND PARTLY ON DEGREE OF DIS-
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RUPTION OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

HOME OFFICE HAS INTRODUCED NEW ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES, AND MAJOR CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT PUBLIC RESTRAINT AND CONCERN FOR RESIDENT IRISH POPULATION. POST FORESEES NO SPECIAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN RE LTC BEYOND LOW-KEY MEASURES TO PROTECT, AND SECURE CONFIDENCE OF EXHIBITORS AND ATTENDEES. ON PROMOTION SIDE, RECENT PARIS TRADE CENTER EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS OF TELEX, DELIVERY SERVICES AND TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN WHERE POSTAL SERVICE NOT AVAILABLE.

4. PROSPECTIVE TRADE SHOW PARTICIPANTS VOICING APPREHENSION ABOUT SITUATION HERE CAN BE TOLD THAT SCATTERED INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH SERIOUS AND DISRUPTIVE IN AFFECTED LOCALITIES, HAVE FAILED TO DISTRACT UK BUSINESS COMMUNITY FROM NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

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